



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**WANAMAKER BUILDING, 100 PENN SQUARE EAST**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3390**

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**SUBJECT:** Section 408 Evaluation of repairs to Drawbridges 3-153 & 3-154 by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) along the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal

Dear Ms. Anna Smith:

The Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has evaluated the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) proposed plan to conduct repairs on Drawbridges BR 3-153 and BR-3-154 along the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. The project involves repairs to the steel grid and concrete decks, steel superstructure repairs, repairs to the alignment systems, and minor repairs to the existing substructures. Repairs also include replacement of portions of the mechanical drive and electrical systems. This evaluation is based upon documents, plans and project drawings you provided, along with public information provided on DelDOT's website. It is our understanding that some in-water work will occur but that these repairs will not interfere with navigation within the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. It is important to note that if this project is expected to interfere with navigation within the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal that a formal Section 408 review will be required. Be advised that you must insure that the US Coast Guard is notified of this activity, along with State and Local entities of interest.

The District's evaluation determined that there is no alteration or use of the navigation channel within the USACE project on the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal. Therefore, a formal review and issuance of a Section 408 permit as determined by USACE policy outlined in EC 1165-2-216, **POLICY AND PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS TO ALTER US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408** is not required.

If for any reason, the scope of work proposed or the nature of the work changes a Section 408 request could subsequently be required and further coordination should be conducted.

Please be advised that the DelDot must obtain any and all temporary or permanent real estate easements and other Federal, State and/or Local approvals prior to construction commencing. In particular the requestor must satisfy the requirements for Section 404 and 10 permits administered by the USACE, Philadelphia District Regulatory Branch.

For any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact the Acting Philadelphia District Section 408 Coordinator, Mr. Reuben Wade at 215-656-6891.

Sincerely,

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